



June 5, 2023

Special Mayors Update

It was a busy weekend in our Village! We experienced a near miss with the outbreak of a wildfire on Crown Lands just south of the Village; Council and our Provincial Advisor Randy deal held a Governance workshop; and numerous Villagers stepped up to volunteer for our new Infrastructure and Grant's Committees.

Wildfire at the Kelvin Grove Cliffs

On behalf of residents, I want to thank our Lions Bay's Fire Chief, Barret Germscheid and our twenty-one volunteer Firefighters for doing an exceptional job yesterday! Lions Bay is extremely fortunate we had twenty-one Lions Bay volunteers available to hit this forest fire before it had a chance to spread. When our team arrived, the fire was approx. 100m x 80m and was starting to candle up the trees just as the winds picked up to the North toward the village.

In addition to Lions Bay's best, Phil Folkersen, our Emergency Program Coordinator (EPC), Mary Brown, director of Emergency Support Services (ESS) and the Mayor were on scene and preparing to open our Emergency Operations Center to support the residents of Lions Bay if required.

Following Lions Bay Firefighters containment of the fire, Coastal Wildfire provided a support crew and a helicopter to assess the situation from the air. Royal Canadian Marine Search and Rescue also sent a boat and pumps from Horseshoe Bay and Metro Program Manager, Brant Arnold-Smith was on site monitoring the need for deployment of Metro Firefighter resources.

The fire was contained before nightfall, at which time Captain Barret Germscheid handed over operational command to Coastal Wildfire for the evening. Early this morning, Metro Vancouver had 2 crew deployed and Coastal had 4 crew which will remain on site dowsing hot spots through the afternoon.



VIDEO

Provincial Advisor Governance Workshop

Our provincial advisors Randy Diehl and Deanna Campbell ran a workshop on Governance Sunday with our Council and Mayor. The Governance Workshop main focus is to provide an opportunity to reflect on Best Practices, how have we done things in the past, what needs to change to not only meet the legal requirements of Local Government but to also make improvements on how Council currently does business within itself, with staff and most importantly, with the residents.

The workshop was successful, with Councillors agreeing to sign a “Code of Conduct” which governs how we conduct business and communicate moving forward.

Standing Committees

I am pleased to announce the formation of the Infrastructure Committee and the Grants & Funding Committee. Please see the attached presentation which has many new resident experts. In addition, we have enclosed the Terms of Reference for the Committees as recommended by our Provincial Advisor.

We are accepting additional expressions of interest for the various working groups and committees. If you have an interest in volunteering, please email council@lionsbay.ca.

Sincerely,
Ken Berry, Mayor
Village of Lions Bay

Infrastructure Committee and Grants & Fundraising Committee Presentation

Terms of Reference - Grants & Fundraising Committee

Terms of Reference - Infrastructure Committee

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